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SUBJ: ALLEGED IRANIAN- OMANI PLAN TO CONTROL SHIPPING  
INTO PERSIAN GULF

REF: A. STATE 054133

B. USUN 1037

SUMMARY: MFA OFFICER DENIES WASHINGTON POST CLAIM THAT IRAN HAS  
ASKED OMAN TO JOIN IT IN CONTROLLING SHIPPING INTO PERSIAN GULF  
THROUGH STRAITS OF HORMOZ. PRESS ALSO QUOTES FOREIGN MINISTRY  
SOURCES AS RIDICULING WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE WHICH, AS QUOTED  
IN PRESS HERE, CONTAINS CONFUSING NEW CLAIM THAT THE SOVIET  
UNION WILL COUNTER ALLEGED IRANIAN- OMANI PLANS. END SUMMARY.  
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1. DURING MARCH 24 DISCUSSION BETWEEN POLCOUN AND MFA 9 TH DIVISION CHIEF ( PERSIAN GULF AND OIL) NASSER MAJD, WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE BY OTTAWAY WAS DISCUSSED. MAJD CLAIMED NEVER TO HAVE HEARD OF OTTAWAY, DENIED THAT IRAN HAD ANY PLAN TO CONTROL SHPPING THROUGH HORMOZ AND ASSERTED THAT IRAN OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OMAN RESPECTING PLAN THAT WAS NON- EXISTENT.

2. TEHRAN JOURNAL FOR MARCH 26 CARRIES CONFUSING FRONT PAGE ARTICLE QUOTING FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES AS RIDICULING WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS " WAHINGTON POST STORY." THIS VERSION OF POST STORY ASSERTS THAT DURING RECENT VISIT TO IRAN OF SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN, THE SOVIET LEADER LEARNED OF ALLEGED IRANIAN- OMANI PLAN TO CONTROL SHIPPING ENTERING GULF THROUGH STRAITS OF HORMOZ. KOSYGIN' S REACTION WAS DESCRIBED AS NEGATIVE AND CONTAINED WARNING THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD COUNTER ALLEGED PLAN BY HAVING ITS WARSHIPS FREQUENT THE PERSIAN GULF.

3. IT IS THE SOVIET ASPECT OF STORY THAT FOREIGNMINISTRY SOURCES SEEM TO BE RIDICULING AS NOT WORTH DENYING. MFA SOURCES GO ON NOT ALTOGETHER CLEARLY TO DESCRIBE IRAN' S GULF POLICY AS CRYSTAL CLEAR AND NOT NEEDING REPITITION. POLICY WAS ONE OF INSURING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION IN THE STRAITS. IRAN WOULD COOPERATE WITH LITTORAL STATES OF PERSIAN GULF IN MAINTAINING REGIONAL SECURITY, A TASK WHICH WOULD BE REALIZED BY " IRAN ALONE OR WITH COOPERATION OF OTHER STATES."

3. COMMENT: HOW KOSYGIN ENTERED INTO THE STRAITS PICTURE IS UNCLEAR UNLESS PERHAPS THROUGH A SEPARATE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE WHICH WE HAVE NOT SEEN. IN ANY CASE, THE KOSYGIN PART STRIKES US AS EVEN MORE FAR- FETCHED THAN THE ALLEGED IRANIAN- OMANI PLAN. HAS DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY THAT OTTAWAY MAY HAVE LEARNED OF DRAFT ARTICLES DEALING WITH QUESTION OF TRANSIT AND NAVIGATION IN STRAITS GENERALLY WHICH IS SUPPOSEDLY BEING SPONSORED IN NEW YORK BY IRAN AND OTHERS, AND USED THIS AS BASIS HIS ARTICLE?  
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